

Exodus 25:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

Analysis

The list concludes with oil, spices, and precious stones—elements for illumination, fragrance, and glory. The oil for light prefigures the Holy Spirit's illumination; the spices for anointing oil and incense represent prayer ascending to God; the onyx stones and gems for the high priest's garments display the beauty of holiness. Each element contributes to the complete picture of worship.

Historical Context

These precious materials required both divine provision and human craftsmanship. The specification of onyx and 'stones to be set' indicates that even natural beauty must be refined and prepared for holy use.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do light, fragrance, and beauty each contribute to your worship experience?
2. In what ways are you being 'cut' and 'set' by God for display of His glory?

Interlinear Text

וְתָכָה לָת	וְאַרְגָּמָן	וְתוֹלַע עֵת	שָׁנִי י	וְשֵׁשׁ ש	וְעִזִּים:
And blue	and purple	and scarlet	H8144	and fine linen	and goats
H8504	H713	H8438		H8336	H5795

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 19:8 (Parallel theme): And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.